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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

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NO.38/06/1/2025/BYE-ELEC-M.C./MAG/XII/M.O.637

Date: 06-Mar-2025

ORDER**UNDER SECTION 163 OF BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023.**

WHEREAS, the Goa State Election Commission has announced the Bye Elections to Ward No.X of Cuncolim Municipal Council and Bye Election to ward No.II of Sao Jose De Areal Village Panchayat in South Goa District which are scheduled to be held on 09/03/2025 (Sunday) and counting of polled votes fixed on 10/03/2025. The Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect. The Goa State Election Commission has issued directions to ensure free, fair and peaceful Election;

AND WHEREAS, political disputes, confrontation, violence and breach of peace may arise on the eve of the Poll day due to misuse of Hotels, Restaurants, Tea Shops, Pan Shops and other food shops (Dhabas, Gaddas) etc., particularly during door to door campaigning or intimidation of voters or influencing voters and due to gathering of any crowd at such places within the vicinity of 100 mts. of the Polling Station which may create nuisance and Law and Order problems;

AND WHEREAS, under section 126 of the Representation of People Act 1951, no public meetings, processions, musical concert or rally or any kind of propagation of any election matter for campaigning or electioneering is to be allowed in the last 48 hours from the hours of close of Poll i.e. from 18:00 hours on 07/03/2025;

AND WHEREAS, Sections 170 and 171 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 prohibits and penalize Bribery and undue influence, while Section 176 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita penalizes any attempt for illegal payments for promoting election of any Candidate;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eгна Cleetus, IAS, District Magistrate and Municipal Council Election Officer and Village Panchayat Election Officer, South Goa District, Margao – Goa, in exercise of the powers vested in me under provision of Section 163 of B.N.S.S., 2023, do hereby Order that:

From 18.00 hours of 07/03/2025 to 18.00 hours of 09/03/2025 in the jurisdiction of Ward No.X of Cuncolim Municipal Council and jurisdiction of Ward No.II of Sao Jose De Areal Village Panchayat of South Goa District, Margao – Goa:

- a) There shall be ban on unlawful assembly as per sub section (1) of section 189 of B.N.S. and any procession or rally shall be strictly prohibited to prevent any nuisance disturbances and law and order problem.
- b) No loud speaker shall be permitted to be used for the purpose of elections during the period of 48 hours preceding with the poll closing time.
- c) Vehicles permitted to all Contesting Candidates by the Returning Officers for campaigning shall not ply on roads during the period to avoid any distribution of money or gifts or liquor and to prevent any nuisance and law and order problems, except for vehicles authorized by the Returning Officers on the day of Poll.
- d) All private vehicles shall be subject to inspections in a dignified manner as per rules to avoid their misuse for distribution of money or gifts or liquor and for causing any nuisance also to avoid any harassment to private persons.
- e) No liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs and other establishments selling/serving liquor, should be permitted to sell/serve liquor to anyone whosoever, on the aforesaid days; and on timings mentioned therein.
- f) Non – proprietary clubs, star hotels, restaurants, etc. and hotels run by anyone even if they are issued different categories of licenses for possession and supply of liquor shall also not be permitted to serve liquor on these days, and on timings mentioned therein.

However, this order shall not apply to Officers authorised on Election Duty by the District Election Officer, South Goa District or the State Government including the Polling Officials, Magistrates and Police Officials.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, this 6th day of March, 2025.

(Eгна Cleetus, IAS)
District Magistrate &
Municipal Council Election Officer/
Village Panchayat Election Officer,
South Goa District, Margao Goa.